(3) GRANT XXIX—CIVIL WORKS—WORKS—RESERVED AND TRANSFERRED.

* The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I beg to move—

'*that the Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs.* 100 *under Grant XXIX—Civil Works—Works—Reserved and Transferred.*'

" The reasons for constructing new buildings and the urgency therefor have been explained in the explanatory note[a]. It is proposed to construct certain portions of the hospital this year and the amount required in the current year for this purpose, i.e., Rs. 10,500 can be met by reappropriation from the savings within the sanctioned grant for civil works expenditure. But the scheme as a whole costs us over 6 lakhs of rupees and as such it constitutes a new service.

" So it is proposed to move the demand for a token sum under Grant XXIX for Works. I do hope the House will accept the motion and pass it." 1 p.m.

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Hon. Member Mr. Nachiyappa Gounder will be in order to move the second part of his amendment."

* Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" I move to reduce the allotment of Rs. 100 by Re. 1, to elicit information about the disposal of the existing building since you say that I will have to confine myself to this part alone. It is stated in the explanatory note that the building is too old and that the hospital is in need of a new building. The disposal of the old building has not been mentioned anywhere here. I hope the Hon. Minister will furnish information as to what the Government propose to do with the present old building, whether it is to be put to some other use or demolished altogether. For want of such information I am moving this cut motion."

* Mr. P. PEDDI RAJU :—" I am supporting my friend who asks for some information. In congratulating the Minister in attempting to have a good hospital in Cocanada, I have to say this. Government has not tackled the question of building hospitals in any regular manner. The question is whether they have any definite scheme for the whole Presidency or are taking a hospital here or a hospital there according to individual fancy. Why I am asking this question is this. So far as the Cocanada hospital is concerned it is no doubt bad. But the hospital in Ellore cannot be called a hospital but a pig stye. The Hon. the Law Member knows the locality. (The hon. the Law Member: 'I know both.') It cannot be inhabited by human beings, much less by suffering people. I have raised this question oftentimes and the promise is always made that the matter will be taken up next year. So I want to know what steps are being taken up."

* The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" Sir, I am not exactly in charge of the department and so I am afraid I cannot give the answer in detail.

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I can say this much on behalf of the Government that whenever funds permit Government will certainly take up questions of putting up new buildings and giving all facilities, whether in Rajahmundry, Ellore or Erode. It is only a question of funds. I do hope that ere long when Government is in a prosperous condition they will be able to devote some funds for construction of hospitals elsewhere. The second point raised by Mr. Nachiyappa Gounder was with regard to the present building. I believe it will be sold or put to some other useful purpose. I hope this explanation will satisfy my hon. Friend."

The cut motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

The demand was put and carried and the grant was made.

(4) GRANT XXXII—FAMINE RELIEF—RESERVED.

* The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor I beg to move—

> '*that the Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs.* 14,39,800 *under Grant XXXII—Famine Relief—Reserved.*'

" Here again, Sir, the explanatory note [a] gives the reasons for this demand. The House is aware that there had been famine unfortunately in the districts of Anantapur and Bellary. When the budget was framed for the current year a sum of Rs. 1,25,000 was fixed for expenditure on famine. Very unfortunately, as we are all aware, famine lasted a considerable time and ended only with the rains which luckily fell in those districts during the months of August and September. The consequence is that we had to incur a further expenditure of Rs. 14,39,800 in these famine areas. This sum of course may be met, if this hon. House is pleased to pass the grant from the famine relief fund. The details of this expenditure would be found summarized at the very end of the note and it will be noticed there that something like 85 to 90 per cent of the money has been spent on actual relief works and gratuitous relief and only a little less than one lakh has been spent on establishment. I trust therefore this House will pass the demand. Sir, I move it."

* Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder :—" Sir, I beg to move—

> '*that the allotment of Rs.* 14,39,800 *under Grant XXII—Famine Relief be reduced by Rs.* 100 *to elicit information about the nature of the works done, estimated cost of the works, etc.*'

" In this connexion I cannot refrain from congratulating the Hon. the Revenue Member for the bold and very sympathetic move he made for the relief of the famine stricken area. It is very generous of him and the Government to rise to the occasion and relieve the suffering humanity of those parts. It has been very good of the Hon. the Revenue Member to have exceeded the allotment a great deal. But here having appreciated his liberality I want to know whether any substantial

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[a] Printed as Appendix XII on pages 123–124 infra.